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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/762,855	Applicant(s) FOREST, CARL A.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 31-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 31-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on October 19, 2004 in which applicant amends claims 31, 32, 34, 38, 41, 42, 50, 52, 55, 57, 58, 60, and 61 and responds to the claim rejections.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 31-61 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-38 of U.S. Patent No. 6,757,572. Although

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the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because it would be obvious to store expert actions in a computerized system memory and provide expert advice when a player is in a particular situation, rather than, storing and providing general advice as is similarly disclosed in U.S. 6,757,572.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see pages 7-11, filed October 19, 2004, with respect to claims 31-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, the rejection to claims 31-61 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, the rejection to claims 31-34, 40-42, 46-51, 53-56, and 58-61 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fisher (U.S. 5,507,485), the rejection to claims 35-39 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher (U.S. 5,507,485) in view of Wilens (U.S. 5,779,566), and the rejection to claims 43-45, 52, and 57 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher (U.S. 5,507,485) in view of Baker (U.S. 5,486,001) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections to claims 31-61 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, the rejection to claims 31-34, 40-42, 46-51, 53-56, and 58-61 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fisher (U.S. 5,507,485), the rejection to claims 35-39 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher (U.S. 5,507,485) in view of Wilens (U.S. 5,779,566), and the rejection to claims 43-45, 52, and 57 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher (U.S. 5,507,485) in view of Baker (U.S. 5,486,001) have been withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott E. Jones whose telephone number is (571) 272-4438. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on (571) 272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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